

## NEWS CULLED IN THE CAPITAL

ACTIVITIES OF STATE DEPART-  
MENTS—OTHER HAPPENINGS

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**O**HIO did a novel and important thing recently. She celebrated her first "Agricultural day," and if records available here are to be credited, she is leading every state in the Union in the formal payment of homage to the Goddess Ceres. In so far as can be determined no other state ever set apart a day to pay honors to the deity of the harvests. All reports from various sections of the commonwealth showed that the cities as well as the rural communities joined hands in the celebration. And more important still, the success of the day insures the success of the idea of having one day set apart every year to show the people how much they owe to the goddess of the fields and orchards.

### 1,624 Prisoners in Pen.

Here is a little thing Ohioans may boast about or not boast about, according to their individual way of looking at things in general. The fact is that the Ohio penitentiary has today the largest population she ever has had before in her history. There are 1,624 men and women within the walls and 220 outside; that is, distributed among the various state farms and elsewhere as "trustees." And more are coming every day, owing to the fact that this is court season and convictions seem everywhere to be piling up. The other day it was shown that the state prison was the healthiest in its history for the reason that there was not a single prisoner on the sick list. That made the people who read it smile with satisfaction and pride in the thought that a state could reach such a state of medical perfection. Most people won't smile about the large population that is developing among the prisoners. Still it may mean much or little. It may not necessarily imply that Ohioans are getting any more criminal. For the facts may be that a few judges have been more severely inclined during the last few weeks and that before long they will be seized with proportionate leniency.

### The Salary is Appealing.

The fact that a \$2,000 job appeals with powerful force to the women of Ohio is indicated by the number of applicants for the examination that will test the fitness of those aspiring to be appointed matron of the new woman's reformatory at Marysville. Some weeks ago the state civil service commission conducted an examination for eligibles, but there was so much objection when the results were announced that a new examination was scheduled. The trouble incident to the first test gave the event much publicity and now there is a marked clamoring on the part of those who want to take the test. The number already has mounted to more than a half hundred and there is seemingly no end to the lists of those who would like to try their hand at the two-hundred-a-year berth.

### Will Not Eat Turkey.

Turkey isn't going to be the piece de resistance of the Thanksgiving menu in the state institutions unless the price of that particular bird ceases to soar before very long. The purchasing agent of the state administration board, that has charge of the institutions, says that he can't find turkey anywhere that can be bought even in carload lots for less than 24 cents a pound, and when it comes to feeding tons of meat the price of 24 cents becomes prohibitive. In most of the places where state wards are housed and kept other viands will be used to replace the more seasonable turkey. Many of the institutions have their own chickens and these will be liberally given in such cases. Roast pork will be served at the penitentiary.

### Tools Show the Business.

If a person is found with gambling paraphernalia in his possession he can be convicted of being a known gambler. This is the effect of a decision of the supreme court in throwing out an appeal of Samuel Hirsch of Cincinnati, who was convicted in that city of being a known gambler because the police found gambling equipment in his house. The high court dismissed the appeal because it involved no constitutional question. Hirsch must pay a fine or go to jail.

### An Epidemic of Fires.

There has been an epidemic of incendiary fires in Columbus during the past few weeks and the state fire marshal's force has been busy trying to find the culprits. Some of these fires have been in apartment houses, and the timely discovery of the fires has prevented loss of life as well as heavy loss of property. The department has been unable to fasten any of these crimes yet, but is working on several important clues.

### Will Head Loan Bureau.

Wilbur C. King, colored, for many years assistant prosecuting attorney of Franklin county, has been elected to accept the position of head of the new loan shark bureau of the state banking department, tendered him by Harry T. Hall, state bank superintendent. The position pays \$2,500 a year.

### Furnished the Money.

The Ohio Home Rule association furnished nearly all of the money spent by county home rule associations in fighting the dry amendment, so reports filed with the secretary of state show.

### Campaigning Is Hard Work.

Campaigning is no fun, George J. Karb, re-elected mayor of Columbus for the third successive time last Tuesday, is the latest and best witness to that fact. Mayor Karb, big, husky and full of "pep" before the beginning of the late campaign, is now in northern Michigan resting.

### Enforce All Saloon Laws.

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### Majority Votes on Proposals.

Official figures here show that the proposal submitted to the people of the state to extend to four years the terms of county officials took first prize as a "loser." The majority against it was 397,028. The next largest loser was the McDermott liquor license "decentralization" against which a majority of 112,536 was piled up. The Stability league amendment, which sought to restrict the operation of the initiative and referendum, took third place in the scale of defeat and bowed under a 64,691 majority. Fourth place went to the proposal to exempt public bonds from taxation, for the figures show that it lost by 63,959. The Sprague gerrymander came next in point of failure, and the returns show that the voters rejected it by 57,108. Prohibition carries off the record for suffering the least calamitous, although it was rejected by 55,408. It is rather remarkable fact that no proposal submitted passed muster before the voters, who seemed to be inclined to changes in the constitution or the laws. Prohibition leaders, however, profess to be satisfied with the result on the ground that they gained over last year some 28,000.

### Willis Signs Petition.

Gov. Willis yesterday afternoon signed the gigantic suffrage petition which is being borne from the Pacific coast to Washington by women in autos to be presented to congress when that body meets Dec. 6. The petition already bears the names of a half million people, and the list will be considerably swelled before Washington is reached. It asks congress to submit to the people the Susan B. Anthony amendment, which, if adopted by three-fourths of the states, would insure equal suffrage everywhere throughout the Union. In speaking to the women envoys in the executive offices, where a large reception was held Thursday, the governor said he believed in the adoption of the amendment and the submission of the issue to the various states.

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### Campaign Against Joyriders.

Members of the Columbus Automobile club, aroused by the continued depredations of joyriders who steal machines, often wreck them and then leave them miles outside the city, have inaugurated a novel campaign that promises to rival the doings of pioneer days out west. The club has organized a vigilance committee of 25 and each member of the committee has armed himself with a stout club. He is pledged to use the weapon without stint and without warning the moment he comes upon one of the auto thieves. The club will back his actions and will defend him in court in the event of any serious "come-back" on the part of the victim of his wrath. The committee hasn't started working yet, but it is being watched with interest.

### 60,000 More Than Last Year.

State Registrar of Automobiles W. H. Walker has sent in a burly call for another 1,000 sets of license tags. The state contracted for 180,000 sets for this year, but by Wednesday more than this number of licenses will have been issued for the year, and so more tags will be needed. This is nearly 60,000 more licenses than were issued last year. Before the year is up a thousand or more licenses will be issued. They are procured from now until the end of the year for half price. Last year licenses were applied for for that year nearly until the end of December.

### Warned Against Freezing.

Every county road superintendent in the state has been warned by State Highway Commissioner Cowen to keep sharp lookout to prevent the ruinous effect of concrete work in road construction from freezing.

### Says Kill Dogs and Save Sheep.

"Vic" Donahay, state auditor, is "agin" dogs. Not for any merely sentimental reason. He's practical about it. If Ohio is to begin living up to its possibilities as a sheep raising state it must start by killing off the canine tribe, he thinks.

### According to Donahay's statistics

the total collections for dog taxes in Ohio last year was \$238,750, an increase of \$13,788.

### But, says Donahay, it's a very poor economy for Ohio to encourage the dog industry at the expense of its sheep business.

### Willis to Seek Another Term.

Gov. Frank P. Willis has just made the definite announcement that he would not be a candidate for president of the United States, but would seek re-nomination and re-election to the gubernatorial office. In his decision not to become an active candidate for the presidency the governor subordinates his personal ambition to what he believes should receive first consideration from a Republican party unity and party welfare. He expresses his deep appreciation of the cordial and unselfish support promised him by friends.

## WILSON TELLS PLANS

CABINET TOLD OF DEFENSE, SHIP PURCHASE AND SPECIAL TAX PROPOSALS.

CABINET MEMBER MAY QUIT

Reported at Washington That Secretary of Commerce Redfield May Resign—\$1000,000,000 Additional Revenue Needed for U. S. Next Year.

Washington, Nov. 15.—President Wilson discussed with his cabinet on Friday the legislative program for the coming session of congress and matters of party policy. It is understood that unanimous approval was given the president's suggestions which are to be carried in his annual message. These include:

National defense program for army and navy.

Ship purchase legislation for up-building of the merchant marine.

Giving United States industries in one line authority to have co-operative selling agencies in foreign countries.

Conservation legislation to develop natural resources.

Amendments to federal reserve act to permit member banks to join in establishing a foreign bank.

Revenue legislation to meet needs of the government.

It was the gossip during the day that Mr. Redfield might leave the cabinet, and that his successor would be Secretary Houston of the department of agriculture. Carl Vrooman of Illinois, now assistant, was slated for secretary of agriculture.

In connection with fiscal legislation planned it is understood the president has agreed with his advisers that it will be unwise to use any of the Panama canal bonds remaining unsold to meet the emergency needs of the treasury or to provide funds for the defense program.

Experts on treasury matters have pointed out to the president that it will be necessary next year to get \$100,000,000 additional revenues for the ordinary needs of the government.

Fiscal experts in congress are working now on plans for new legislation to raise these funds through special taxes without being forced to reopen the Underwood tariff for a general increase of duties.

### CHURCHILL QUILTS CABINET

Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster to Join the Army in France.

London, Nov. 15.—It is officially announced that Winston Spencer Churchill, chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster, has resigned from the cabinet and will join the army in France. He is a major in the Oxford Yeomanry.

When the war broke out Churchill was first lord of the admiralty. Though he was demoted in the cabinet on a tide of public disapproval, it is generally conceded now that it was Churchill that saved England from defeat at sea and perhaps from invasion when, with Prince Louis of Battenberg, he mobilized the scattered British fleet two months before war broke out and kept it mobilized. It is said that it was this mobilization that saved Britain from an invasion.

### FLEES WITH COLLEGE FUNDS

F. K. Jackson, Cashier of Northwestern University, Alleged to Have Taken \$21,000.

Chicago, Nov. 15.—Frank K. Jackson, cashier of the Northwestern university, "model husband" of Evanston, and a superintendent in the First Methodist Episcopal Sunday school, has disappeared. He left a wife, two small daughters and a beautiful home, built within the last year. A shortage of \$21,000, which may be increased as the examination of his books progresses, has been disclosed by the audit, which was begun quietly on Wednesday. The defaulting cashier was a large investor in war stocks, which a few days ago suffered a temporary setback.

### PEACE MOVE TOLD TO WILSON

David Starr Jordan, Head of Leland Stanford University, Tells President of Plan.

Washington, Nov. 15.—David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford university and head of the international peace congress, recently held in San Francisco, told President Wilson on Friday that a quinquennial meeting of neutral nations probably will be held some time before Christmas, either at The Hague, Bern or Copenhagen, to attempt to bring about peace in Europe.

### German Fort Blows Up.

Amsterdam, Nov. 13.—Eighteen German officers and soldiers were killed and fifty wounded, says the Echo Belge, when a portion of Fort Macholette was blown to pieces by an accidental explosion.

### Insurance Man Ends Life.

Chicago, Nov. 13.—William H. Wilt, forty-eight years old, secretary-treasurer of the Merchants' National Fire Insurance company, ended his life by cutting his throat with a penknife. He had been ill.

### Not Going to India.

London, Nov. 12.—The International News Service was authorized to state that the reports that Lord Kitchener was going to India were false. "Lord Kitchener is not going to India," it was officially stated.

### Jewel Thief Is in Prison.

New York, Nov. 12.—Paul Faquet, general agent of the French line here, said that the person who stole the \$100,000 worth of pearls and diamonds from the steamer Rochambeau is in the Bordeaux jail.

## BRITISH MAY REACH GERMAN FLEET



Arrow No. 1 points to the passage between Fehmarn Island and the mainland, from which locality the Danes heard heavy cannonading, believed to have been the result of an attack by British submarines on a German squadron. Arrow No. 2 points to Kiel and the Kiel canal, headquarters of the German fleet.

### GERMANS IN RETREAT 12 PERISH IN CYCLONE

BERLIN ANNOUNCES PLAN TO REACH RIGA HAS FAILED.

Troops Successfully Withdrawn From Forest West of Shlok on Account of Floods.

Berlin, Nov. 11.—The German war office issued the following official statement: "Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg. Near Koenigsberg, west of Riga, three attacks made by the Russians, supported by fire from ships' guns, were repulsed. During the night our troops, undisturbed by the enemy, have withdrawn from the wooded land of the west and southwest of Shlok, which, on account of the rains of the last few days, has become a swamp. We took more than 100 Russian prisoners. Army group of General von Linsingen. Supported by German artillery, Austro-Hungarian troops drove the Russians out of Kosceuschnyevka."

Petrograd, Nov. 11.—The following official communication from general headquarters was issued here: "On the left bank of the Dvina, near Ikskul, our troops captured the farm of Borsomende and took some German prisoners. Two counter-attacks by the enemy were repulsed with heavy German losses. According to supplementary information, 1,500 men, 21 officers and 11 machine guns were captured by us in the fighting at Kolk. In addition to the 2,000 men and 50 officers previously reported."

### COY PURNELL FOUND GUILTY

Son of Head of House of David Must Pay Six Cents to Former Member of Cult.

St. Joseph, Mich., Nov. 13.—The jury returned a verdict of guilty on Thursday as charged in the \$25,000 Augusta Holiday slander suit against "Prince" Coy Purnell, son of the reigning monarch of the Israel House of David, assessing damages at six cents. Under the verdict the defendant must pay the costs. Before a crowd that jammed the courtroom to suffocation Mrs. Holiday told her story. It was a recital of the life of the "inner court" of Shiloh, "King" Benjamin's headquarters. Benjamin was pictured by Mrs. Holiday as a "debaucher of young girls, operating under the cloak of religion." She told of her own intimate relations with the "seventh angel," as Benjamin was styled, and asserted that she was only one of more than a score who were forced to submit to the advances of "the king."

### FIRE LOSS IS \$4,000,000

Great Munition Shop at Bethlehem, Pa., Destroyed by Flames—Huge War Supplies Lost.

South Bethlehem, Pa., Nov. 12.—With only the charred skeleton of No. 4 machine shop of the Bethlehem Steel company standing as the result of a fire, officials of the company began planning immediately for the extension of their capacity to its former figure. Estimates of the loss placed it in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000. The blaze was discovered in a quantity of oil in the boring mill section of the plant. Its origin is unknown.

The value of the guns alone in the shop is said to be several million dollars. There were about 1,000 machines of different kinds in the building, running from lathes, shapers, drills on down to boring machines.

### Corregidor Fort Complete.

Washington, Nov. 15.—The greatest fortifications in the possession of the United States, located on Corregidor Island, commanding the entrance to Manila harbor in the Philippines, have been completed.

### Hydroplane to Carry Mails.

New York, Nov. 15.—The Yolanda II, a hydroplane driven forty miles an hour by two air propellers, is here awaiting shipment to Bogota, Colombia, where she will be used to carry the mails.

### Navy Asks New Laws.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Congress will be asked to enact laws whereby a contractor with the government will be prohibited under penalties from revealing any of the secrets of the United States plan of national defense.

### Rush New Zeppelins.

London, Nov. 12.—The Telegraph says that Germany is rushing the completion of a new fleet of Zeppelins in a score of cities with the intention, it is declared, of "bringing the war home to the English people."

### Concedes Stanley's Election.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 15.—In a formal statement E. H. Morrow, Republican candidate for governor of Kentucky, on Friday conceded the election of ex-congressman A. O. Stanley, his Democratic opponent.

### President Will See Game.

Washington, Nov. 15.—President Wilson has decided to attend the Army-Navy football game at New York November 27. He attended the game two years ago, but was unable to see present last year.

### Admiral's Death Laid to Spite.

Peking, China, Nov. 13.—The assassination of Admiral Tseng Ju Cheng, governor of Shanghai, was not a political act, but the work of assassins hired by the family of a man ordered executed by the governor.

### Writer to Wed Louisville Girl.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 13.—Wallace Irwin of New York, writer of fiction, will be married to Miss Letitia McDonald of Louisville, January 5. The announcement of the engagement was made by the parents.

## ARMS PLANTS BURN

AGENTS OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE INVESTIGATE FIRES AT BIG FACTORIES.

ITALIAN STEAMER IS BURNED

\$500,000 Blaze Destroys Wire Rope Plant—Dynamite Found in House and Three Men Were Ready to Blow Up Powder Plants.

Washington, Nov. 13.—Mysterious fires raged on Thursday in American factories making war supplies for the entente allies while agents of the department of justice were investigating previous disasters with a view of ascertaining whether they were ascribable to a plot. At the same time it was reported that a bomb caused a fire on an Italian steamship in the Gulf of Mexico and three men were arrested after the finding of a trunkful of dynamite near Scranton, Pa.

Here are the day's fires, which followed the \$1,000,000 blaze in a gun-making shop at the Bethlehem Steel plant and a smaller one at the Baldwin Locomotive works, and Thursday's other developments:

Steamship Livetta—Italian craft which took fire 60 miles off Sabine bar and later was beached 65 miles east of Sabine, Tex. Captain Lico reported to Italian consul at Port Arthur, Tex., his belief that the fire was caused by the explosion of a bomb.

Dynamite—Trunkful, 150 pounds, found at home of Eugene English, at Packville, near Scranton, Pa. Federal authorities believe discovery thwarted a plot to blow up the DuPont Powder works at Jermyn, which are furnishing explosives to the allies. Three men were arrested.

John A. Roebeling's Sons company—Wire rope shop at Treanton, N. J., burned with a loss of nearly \$500,000. Company is making supplies for European countries in other buildings.

Thomas P. Skelly Bolt company, Inc.—Plant at Philadelphia damaged \$20,000 by fire. "There's been funny things going on around here lately," said an official of the concern, which indirectly has been filling orders destined for European belligerents.

### TELEGRAPHIC NOTES

Altoona, Pa., Nov. 11.—Traffic is so heavy on the Pennsylvania lines that 25 yard firemen have been promoted to engine men and all firemen on fire engines have been put to work.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Nov. 12.—Operations for sterilization, the first under the new Wisconsin law, have been performed at the State Home for Feeble-Minded here on ten male inmates whose ages ranged from fifteen to thirty years. Dr. J. V. Lyman, assisted by Dr. John Ziegler, both of Eau Claire, operated.

London, Nov. 13.—Conscription probably will be resorted to by Great Britain December 1, unless the "young men medically fit and not indispensable in any business of national importance" enlist before November 30. Lord Derby, director of recruiting, made this declaration with the authority of Premier Asquith.

Lord Derby adds: "Whether a man is indispensable or not to his business will be decided later."

### WANTS OPINION OF EXPERTS

American Defense Society Demands That the Naval Board's Recommendations Be Made Public.

Washington, Nov. 12.—A demand that he make public the recommendations on national preparedness made by experts of the naval general board and the army general staff was made on President Wilson by the American Defense society, in letters from its New York headquarters. The society also wrote Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Secretary of War Garrison, urging them to aid in having the experts' reports published.

"Without the opinion of experts intelligent discussion of the question of national defense is impossible," the society stated.

### JURY GIVEN HURLEY CASE

Fate of Illinois Boy Accused of Murdering His Sweetheart to Be Decided.

Lincoln, Ill., Nov. 12.—The trial of Daniel Hurley, Jr., nineteen years old, charged with the murder of his seventeen-year-old sweetheart, Katherine Roller, ended yesterday. The case was given to the jury. Analysis of the girl's stomach after her death, April 25, revealed the presence of poison.

### Mob Hangs a Negro Critic.

Aberdeen, Miss., Nov. 15.—Criticism of the styles in dresses worn by white women cost the life of John Taylor, a negro. Taylor voiced his views on white women's clothes. A band of masked men lynched him.

### Food Riots in Belgium.

Amsterdam, Nov. 15.—Many persons were hurt in fighting between German police and Belgians following food riots at Louviere. During a demonstration against high prices the police fired into the crowd.

### Wisconsin Bars Kilbane.

Milwaukee, Nov. 13.—An indefinite suspension was handed Johnny Kilbane, the champion featherweight, by the Wisconsin boxing commission for his alleged stalling tactics in the recent bout with Ritchie Mitchell.

### Strike Called Off.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 13.—Frank L. Dodge, head of the state board of mediation, announced that the strike of Michigan Central railway clerks has been called off. Practically all the clerks' demands were granted.

### Success With Strawberries.

Frequent tillage the first season is one of the secrets of successful strawberry growing.

## KILLED BY AVIATORS

FIFTY BOMBS DROPPED IN VERONA, KILLING THIRTY AND INJURING THIRTY-FIVE.

Many Lives Were Lost as Four Steamers Are Sunk By Submarine Attacks.

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

Rome.—Three Austrian aeroplanes dropped 50 bombs on Verona, killing 30 persons and seriously injuring 35. At the Piazza Delle Erbe one bomb killed eight men. The bombs of the aircraft found many victims in the public square of the city, where citizens and peasants from the outlying districts were attending market. The aeroplanes visited various parts of the city, but none of the missiles dropped by the aviators fell near any of the military buildings. This is the second time Austro-Hungarian aeroplanes have made a raid on the city of Verona.

### Four Steamers Are Sent to Depths.

London.—Italian, French, Spanish and Norwegian steamers were sunk by submarines. Many lives are believed to have been lost. All on board perished, it is believed, when the French steamship St. Malo, of 1,243 tons, was sunk by a German submarine near the island of Guernsey, in the English Channel. Twelve bodies have been washed ashore. The Italian steamship Bosnia was sunk by a submarine flying the Austrian flag. The passengers and crew boarded four lifeboats. Three of these craft have been landed, but the fate of the occupants of the fourth boat is not known. The Bosnia was of 2,561 tons gross and was built in 1898. She was 367 feet long, 39 feet beam and 25 feet deep. The home port of the Bosnia was Venice, and she was owned by the Societa Nazionale di Servizi Marittimi di Roma.

### BOOKER T. WASHINGTON DIES.

Tuskegee, Ala.—Booker T. Washington, foremost teacher and leader of the negro race, died at his home here near the Tuskegee institute, of which he was founder and president. Hardening of the arteries following a nervous breakdown caused death four hours after Dr. Washington arrived from New York.

### VOLCANO IN VIOLENT ERUPTION.

Rome.—The Royal Observatory at Catania reports that the volcano of Stromboli was in violent eruption, according to the Stefani agency. Great blocks of lava and ashes have fallen over the entire island. The town of Lipari, on the island of the same name, felt a shock which lasted for a short time.

## CINCINNATI MARKETS

Corn—No. 1 white 65c, No. 2 white 64½c, No. 1 yellow 65½c, No. 2 yellow 65c, No. 1 mixed 64½c, No. 2 mixed 64c.

Hay—No. 1 timothy \$18.50@19, No. 2 timothy \$16.50, No. 3 \$14.50, No. 1 clover mixed \$16, No. 2 \$14, No. 1 clover \$13.50@14, No. 2 \$11.50@12.

Milk Feed—Bran \$21@21.50, mixed feed \$23, middlings, coarse \$24.50@25, middlings, fine \$25@25.50.

Oats—No. 2 white 41½c@42, standard white 41c@41½c, No. 3 white 37½c@38c, No. 4 white 36c@36½c, No. 2 mixed 38c@38½c, No. 3 mixed 37c@37½c, No. 4 mixed 35½c@36c.

Rye—No. 2 40c@41, No. 1 41c@42, No. 3 3